

REMARKS

By the foregoing Amendment, Claims 1 and 30 have been amended. Claims 1, 24-27, 30, 33, and 37-38 remain pending. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the suggestion that a further clarification of the distal end catheter structure as shown in Figure 5A, specifically regarding the elements 258, 260, 242 and 216 is considered to distinguish patentably over the art of record. Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to recite "said push/pull wire having a distal portion extending through said opening of said wire lumen, and said distal portion of said push/pull wire being secured to said at least one radio-opaque band." Claim 30 similarly has been amended to recite "said push/pull wire having a distal portion extending through said opening of said wire lumen, and said distal portion of said push/pull wire being secured to said at least one radio-opaque band." Support for the amendments can be found in paragraph 0059 of the specification, and in Figure 5A, as suggested by the Examiner. It is accordingly believed that Claims 1, 24-27, 30, 33, and 37-38 patentably distinguish the art of record, as suggested by the Examiner.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early favorable action in this regard is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies or fees in connection with this amendment to Deposit Account No. 06-2425.

Respectfully submitted,

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